

sanctions under section 179(a) of the CAA and 40 CFR 52.31, EPA's sanction rule. If the conditional approval is converted to a disapproval under section 110(k), based on the State's failure to meet the commitment, it will not affect any existing state requirements applicable to small entities. Federal disapproval of the state submittal would not affect its state-enforceability. Moreover, EPA's disapproval of the submittal would not impose a new federal requirement. Therefore, EPA certifies that any such disapproval action would not have a significant impact on a substantial number of small entities because it would not remove existing requirements nor would it substitute a new federal requirement.

Under Section 202 of the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act of 1995, signed into law on March 22, 1995, EPA must prepare a budgetary impact statement to accompany any proposed or final regulation that includes a federal mandate that may result in estimated costs to State, local, or tribal governments in the aggregate; or to the private sector, of \$100 million or more. Under section 205, EPA must select the most cost-effective and least burdensome alternative that achieves the objectives of the rule and is consistent with statutory requirements. Section 203 of the Unfunded Mandates Act requires EPA to establish a plan for informing and advising any small governments that may be significantly or uniquely impacted by the rule.

EPA has determined that the approval action proposed does not include a federal mandate that may result in estimated costs of \$100 million or more to either State, local, or tribal governments in the aggregate, or to the private sector. This federal action proposes to approve pre-existing requirements under State or local law, and imposes no new federal requirements. Accordingly, no additional costs to State, local, or tribal governments, or to the private sector, result from this action.

The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) has exempted this regulatory action from E.O. 12866 review.

The Administrator's decision to approve or disapprove the SIP revision, pertaining to the Pennsylvania generic VOC and NO_x RACT rule, will be based on whether it meets the requirements of section 110(a)(2) (A)–(K) and part D of the Clean Air Act, as amended, and EPA regulations in 40 CFR Part 51.

List of Subjects in 40 CFR Part 52

Environmental protection, Air pollution control, Hydrocarbons, Nitrogen dioxide, Ozone.

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Dated: August 4, 1997.

Marcia E. Mulkey,

Acting Regional Administrator, Region III.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

40 CFR Part 52

[TN–178–02–9724b; TN 179–01–9723b; FRL–5871–8]

Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans, Tennessee; Approval of Revisions to the Chattanooga/Hamilton County Portion Regarding Prevention of Significant Deterioration (PSD), Nitrogen Oxides, Lead Emissions, and Volatile Organic Compounds (VOC), and PM₁₀ Revisions

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: The EPA proposes to approve revisions to the Chattanooga/Hamilton County (Chattanooga) portion of the Tennessee State Implementation Plan (SIP) regarding nitrogen oxides, prevention of significant deterioration (PSD), lead sources, stack heights, infectious waste incinerators, and volatile organic compound (VOC) reasonably available control technology (RACT) for miscellaneous metal parts coaters and synthesized pharmaceutical products, and PM₁₀. In the final rules section of this **Federal Register**, the EPA is approving the State's SIP revision as a direct final rule without prior proposal because the Agency views this as a noncontroversial revision amendment and anticipates no adverse comments. A detailed rationale for the approval is set forth in the direct final rule. If no adverse comments are received in response to this proposed rule, no further activity is contemplated in relation to this proposed rule. If EPA receives adverse comments, the direct final rule will be withdrawn and all public comments received will be addressed in a subsequent final rule based on this proposed rule. The EPA will not institute a second comment

period on this document. Any parties interested in commenting on this document should do so at this time.

DATES: To be considered, comments must be received by September 11, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Written comments on this action should be addressed to Karen Borel, at the EPA Regional Office listed below. Copies of the documents relative to this action are available for public inspection during normal business hours at the following locations. The interested persons wanting to examine these documents should make an appointment with the appropriate office at least 24 hours before the visiting day.

Air and Radiation Docket and Information Center (Air Docket 6102), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M Street, SW, Washington, DC 20460.

Environmental Protection Agency, Region 4 Air Planning Branch, 61 Forsyth Street, SW, Atlanta, Georgia 30303.

Chattanooga/Hamilton County Air Pollution Control Bureau, 3511 Rossville Boulevard, Chattanooga, Tennessee 37407–2405, 423/867–4321.

Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation, Division of Air Pollution Control, 9th Floor L & C Annex, 401 Church Street, Nashville, Tennessee 37243–1531.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Interested persons wanting to examine documents relative to this action should make an appointment with the Region 4 Air Programs Branch at least 24 hours before the visiting day. To schedule the appointment or to request additional information, contact Karen Borel, Regulatory Planning and Development Section, Air Planning Branch, Air, Pesticides & Toxics Management Division, Region 4 EPA, 61 Forsyth Street, SW, Atlanta, Georgia 30303. The telephone number is 404/562–9029. Reference files TN178–02–9724 and TN 179–01–9723.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: For additional information see the direct final rule which is published in the rules section of this **Federal Register**.

Dated: July 16, 1997.

A. Stanley Meiburg,

Acting Regional Administrator.

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